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in any education program or activity operated by a recipient and which receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance.

(d) *Effect of compliance with HEW regulations.* If a recipient is covered by the title IX regulations issued by HEW, 45 CFR part 86, and has already complied with the HEW requirements corresponding to §§15a.3(c), 15a.4(a), 15a.7 (a) and (b), and 15a.8 (a) and (b), then the requirements of those sections need not be duplicated in order to comply with this part. However, if the requirements have not been applied to all programs funded by this Department, then the requirements will have to be met as to those programs.

§ 15a.6 Effect of employment opportunities.

The obligation to comply with this part is not obviated or alleviated because employment opportunities in any occupation or profession are or may be more limited for members of one sex than for members of the other sex.

§ 15a.7 Designation of responsible employee and adoption of grievance procedures.

(a) *Designation of responsible employee.* Each recipient shall designate at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under this part, including any investigation of any complaint communicated to such recipient alleging its noncompliance with this part or alleging any actions which would be prohibited by this part. The recipient shall notify all its students and employees of the name, office address and telephone number of the employee or employees appointed pursuant to this paragraph.

(b) *Complaint procedure of recipient.* A recipient shall adopt and publish grievance procedures providing for prompt, and equitable resolution of student and employee complaints alleging any action which would be prohibited by this part.

§ 15a.8 Dissemination of policy.

(a) *Notification of policy.* (1) Each recipient shall implement specific and continuing steps to notify applicants for admission and employment, stu-

dents and parents of elementary and secondary school students, employees, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the recipient, that it does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the educational programs or activities which it operates, and that it is required by title IX and this part not to discriminate in such a manner. Such notification shall contain such information, and be made in such manner, as the Secretary finds necessary to apprise such persons of the protections against discrimination assured them by title IX and this part, but shall state at least that the requirement not to discriminate in education programs and activities extends to employment therein and to admission thereto unless subpart C does not apply to the recipient, and that inquiries concerning the application of title IX and this part to such recipient may be referred to the employee designated pursuant to §15a.7 or to the Secretary.

(2) Each recipient shall make the initial notification required by paragraph (a)(1) of this section within 90 days of the effective date of this part or of the date this part first applies to such recipient, whichever comes later, which notification shall include publication in:

- (i) Local newspapers,
- (ii) newspapers and magazines operated by such recipient or by student, alumnae, or alumni groups for or in connection with such recipient; and
- (iii) memoranda or other written communications distributed to every student and employees of such recipient.

(b) *Publications.* (1) Each recipient shall prominently include a statement of the policy described in paragraph (a) of this section in each announcement, bulletin, catalog, or application form which it makes available to any person of a type described in paragraph (a) of this section, or which is otherwise used in connection with the recruitment of students or employees.

(2) A recipient shall not use or distribute a publication of the type described in this paragraph which suggests, by text or illustration, that such

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recipient treats applicants, students, employees differently on the basis of sex except as such treatment is permitted by this part.

(c) *Distribution.* Each recipient shall distribute without discrimination on the basis of sex each publication described in paragraph (b) of this section, and shall apprise each of its admission and employment recruitment representatives of the policy of non-discrimination described in paragraph (a) of this section, and require such representatives to adhere to such policy.

Subpart B—Coverage

§ 15a.11 Application.

Except as provided in this subpart, this part 15a applies to every recipient and to each education program or activity operated by such recipient which receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance.

§ 15a.12 Educational institutions controlled by religious organizations.

(a) *Application.* This part does not apply to an educational institution which is controlled by a religious organization to the extent application of this part would not be consistent with the religious tenets of such organization.

(b) *Exemption.* An educational institution which wishes to claim the exemption set forth in paragraph (a) of this section shall do so by submitting in writing to the Secretary a statement by the highest ranking official of the institution identifying the provisions of this part which conflict with a specific tenet of the religious organization.

§ 15a.13 Military and merchant marine educational institution.

This part does not apply to an educational institution whose primary purpose is the training of individuals for a military service of the United States or for the merchant marines.

§ 15a.14 Membership practices of certain organizations.

(a) *Social fraternities and sororities.* This part does not apply to the membership sororities which are exempt

from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, the active membership of which consists primarily of students in attendance at institutions of higher education.

(b) *YMCA, YWCA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls.* This part does not apply to the membership practices of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls.

(c) *Voluntary youth service organizations.* This part does not apply to the membership practices of voluntary youth service organizations which are exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and the membership of which has been traditionally limited to members of one sex and principally to persons of less than nineteen years of age.

§ 15a.15 Exempt activities.

(a) These regulations shall not apply to:

(1) Any program or activity of the American Legion undertaken in connection with the organization or operation of any Girls State Conference, Girls Nation Conference, Boys State Conference, Boys Nation Conference, or

(2) The selection of students to attend any such conference.

(b) These regulations shall not preclude father-son or mother-daughter activities at an educational institution, but if such activities are provided for students of one sex, opportunities for reasonably comparable activities shall be provided for students of the other sex.

(c) These regulations shall not apply with respect to any scholarship or other financial assistance awarded by an institution of higher education to any individual because such individual has received such award in any pageant in which the attainment of such award is based upon a combination of factors related to the personal appearance, poise, and talent of such individual and in which participation is limited to individuals of one sex only, so long as such pageant is in compliance with other nondiscrimination provisions of Federal law.